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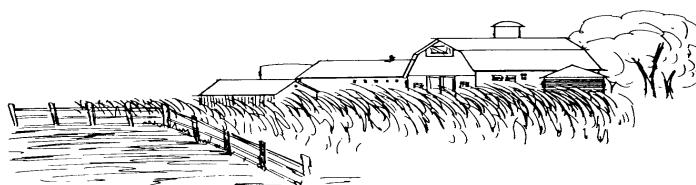
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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

**Utah:** Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-November 2004, compared with October 2004, were up for barley, alfalfa hay, and other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for October 2004 was \$98.00 per cwt, up \$1.00 from November 2003. The October 2004 sheep price, at \$35.00 was \$1.00 above November 2003.

Barley, at \$2.08 per bushel, was up 12 cents from the previous month's price but 20 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$92.00 per ton, up \$6.00 from last month and \$22.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$88.00 per ton, was \$8.00 higher than last month and \$28.00 above November 2003.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point above October. The Crop Index remained unchanged from October while the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, eggs, hogs, strawberries, and grapes. Lower prices were received for lettuce, oranges, soybeans, corn, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, and cotton offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, and potatoes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2003.

The Food Commodities Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month to 120. The index is unchanged from November 2003.

### Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004 <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004 <sup>1</sup>
Livestock							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	97.00	98.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	99.70	98.20	( <sup>2</sup> )
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	34.00	35.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	40.50	40.70	( <sup>2</sup> )
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.28	1.96	2.08	2.83	2.29	2.42
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	70.00	86.00	92.00	86.80	97.80	94.00
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	60.00	80.00	88.00	67.50	68.60	67.80

<sup>1</sup> Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

<sup>2</sup> November data will be published next month.